

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A liquid container comprising:

a hollow container body capable of accommodating ~~any desired~~ liquid, the body having a longitudinal axis;

a neck extending upward from a top portion of the container body;

a mouth disposed at the top end of the neck; the body, neck and mouth being arranged so liquid can flow between the body and mouth via the neck;

the neck comprising a flexible portion between the body and upper neck portion, the axis extending through the flexible portion, the flexible portion being arranged to be inclined sideways relative to the longitudinal axis; and

said flexible portion having a flange-shaped part extending in a radial direction from the lower end of the upper neck portion, the flange-shaped part being formed to enable the neck to be deformed in the vertical direction,

the flange-shaped part being formed to enable one width wise side thereof to be held in a state of being deformed upward as a convex shape while the other width wise side thereof is held in a state of being deformed downward as a concave shape by deforming one part of the flange-shaped part downward and deforming other parts upward, so the neck portion which is above the flexible portion can be held in a state of being inclined toward the other width wise side, and the neck can be inclined toward any side of the container body in the radial direction of the flexible part.

7. (Previously presented) The liquid container according to Claim 6, wherein said flexible portion is formed as to permit holding the flange-shaped part in an upward deformed state and in a downward deformed state.
8. (Previously presented) The liquid container according to Claim 6, wherein said flexible portion includes a plurality of concave dimples on the periphery of the flange, the dimples being disposed at intervals in the circumferential direction of the flexible part.
9. (Previously presented) The liquid container according to Claim 7, wherein said flexible portion includes a plurality of concave dimples positioned on the periphery of the flange, and disposed at intervals in the circumferential direction of the flexible portion.
10. (Previously presented) The liquid container according to Claim 6, wherein said container body, neck and flexible part are formed as one piece of the same material.
11. (Previously presented) The liquid container according to Claim 7, wherein said container body, neck and flexible part are formed as one piece of the same material.
12. (Previously presented) The liquid container according to Claim 8, wherein said container body, neck and flexible part are formed as one piece of the same material.
13. (Previously presented) The liquid container according to Claim 9, wherein said container body, neck and flexible part are formed as one piece of the same material.

14. (Currently amended) A liquid container comprising:

a hollow body for holding a liquid, the body having a longitudinal axis;

a neck in fluid flow relation between the hollow body and a mouth; the neck having a flexible portion (a) that can be tilted relative to the axis, (b) through which the longitudinal axis extends while the flexible portion is not tilted, and (c) that enables the neck to move longitudinally in the direction of the axis, the neck including a bulbous shaped upper portion having a lower edge, the lower edge having an intersection with an upper edge of the flexible portion, the intersection having a perimeter less than the perimeters of the adjoining parts of the bulbous shaped and flexible portions,

the flexible portion being formed to enable a first width wise side thereof to be held in a state of being deformed upward as a convex shape while the other width wise side thereof is held in a state of being deformed downward as a concave shape by deforming one part of the flange-shaped part downward and deforming other parts upward, so the neck portion which is above the flexible portion can be held in a state of being inclined toward the other width wise side and the neck can be inclined toward any side of the hollow body in the radial direction of the flexible part.

15. (Previously presented) The liquid container according to claim 14 wherein the flexible portion extends outwardly and longitudinally of the axis from the intersection so that an edge of the flexible portion remote from the intersection with the bulbous portion intersects an edge of a pleat, the pleat extending toward its edge outwardly from the axis and longitudinally of the axis toward the flexible portion.

16. (New) The liquid container according to claim 7, wherein the concave shape extends from the upper surface side of the flange-shaped part toward the upper end side of a portion of the neck below the flange shaped part.

17. (New) The liquid container according to claim 7, wherein a plurality of the concave shaped parts extend from the upper surface side of the flange-shaped part to the upper end side of the neck below which is located the peripheral edge of the flange-

shaped part, so that when the flange-shaped part is deformed in the back-and-forth direction, a stress in the circumferential direction which is produced in the peripheral edge of the flange-shaped part is absorbed by the deformation of the concave shaped parts in the circumferential direction.

18. (New) A liquid container comprising:

- a hollow container body capable of accommodating liquid, the body having a longitudinal axis;

- a neck extending upward from a top portion of the container body;

- a mouth disposed at the top end of the neck; the body, neck and mouth being arranged so liquid can flow between the body and mouth via the neck;

- the neck having a longitudinal axis and comprising (a) a round lip extending upwardly from its intersection with the container body and (b) a flexible sidewall portion having round cross sections between a first intersection of the flexible sidewall portion with the round lip and a second intersection of the flexible sidewall portion with an upper neck portion, the round cross sections having decreasing radii between the first and second intersections, the neck axis extending through the flexible portion, the neck having first, and second positions; in the first position, (a) the neck longitudinal axis being coaxial with the longitudinal axis of the container, (b) the flexible sidewall portion having cross sections having trapezoidal shapes, (c) the second intersection being farther from the container body than the first intersection, and (d) the first and second intersections being substantially at right angles to the container axis; and in the second position, (a) the neck longitudinal axis being tilted with respect to the longitudinal axis of the container, (b) the second intersection being tilted with respect to the longitudinal axis of the container so that a first side of the second intersection is closer to the container body than the first intersection and a second side of the second intersection is farther from the container body than the first intersection, and (c) the first intersection being substantially at right angles to the container axis, wherein the second position can be in any radial direction relative to the longitudinal axis of the container.

19. (New) The container of claim 18 wherein the neck can have a third position; in the third position, (a) the neck longitudinal axis being coaxial with the longitudinal axis of the container body, (b) the flexible sidewall portion being compressed so the second intersection is closer to the container body than in the first position, and (c) the first and second intersections are substantially at right angles to the container axis.

20. (New) The container of claim 19 wherein in the third position the flexible sidewall portion being compressed so the second intersection is closer to the container body than the first intersection.

21. (New) A liquid container comprising:

- a hollow container body capable of accommodating liquid, the body having a longitudinal axis;

- a neck extending upward from a top portion of the container body;

- a mouth disposed at the top end of the neck; the body, neck and mouth being arranged so liquid can flow between the body and mouth via the neck;

- the neck having a longitudinal axis and comprising (a) a round lip extending upwardly from its intersection with the container body and (b) a flexible sidewall portion having round cross sections between a first intersection of the flexible sidewall portion with the round lip and a second intersection of the flexible sidewall portion with an upper neck portion, the round cross sections having decreasing radii between the first and second intersections, the neck axis extending through the flexible portion, the neck having first, second and third positions; in the first position, (a) the neck longitudinal axis being coaxial with the longitudinal axis of the container, (b) the flexible sidewall portion having cross sections having trapezoidal shapes, (c) the second intersection being farther from the container body than the first intersection, and (d) the first and second intersections being substantially at right angles to the container axis; and in the second position, (a) the neck longitudinal axis being tilted with respect to the longitudinal axis of the container, (b) the second

intersection being tilted with respect to the longitudinal axis of the container so that a first side of the second intersection is closer to the container body than the first intersection and a second side of the second intersection is farther from the container body than the first intersection, and (c) the first intersection being substantially at right angles to the container axis, in the third position, (a) the neck longitudinal axis being coaxial with the longitudinal axis of the container body, (b) the flexible sidewall portion being compressed so the second intersection is closer to the container body than in the first position, and (c) the first and second intersections are substantially at right angles to the container axis.